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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The international commission sitting at Paris yesterday announced a finding that while Rojo trensky committed an error in firing on the British trawlers in the North Sea, it was not discreditable to the Russian navy. —— The Senate will take a vote on the Swayne impeachment to-morrow. —— The House yesterday passed 363 pension bills. —— Congress yesterday received from Texas marble statues of Houston and Austin. —— At a Chicago theatre last night a young man appl uded a song, arose and shot himself dead. —— A Chicago judge yesterday refused to release Chas. F. Taylor, Mrs. Brodie L. Duke's partner, and held him for the Texas authorities. —— The riots between Mussulmans and Armenians at Baku, Russian Caucasia, resulted in the killing of 150 people, while the homes of the wealthy were plundered and burned. —— Trains are again running to Warsaw, but the street car men went on strike yesterday. —— Rev. Benj. W. Ashley is in jail at Newport, Tenn., charged with perjury and probably bigamy, as he married a North Carolina girl and has a wife in Tennessee. —— At Hot Springs, Ark., last night occurred the most awful conflagration in the history of the State. 300 buildings and property valued at $1,500,000 to $2,000,000 being destroyed and three lives lost. —— The cablegrams indicate that a sanguinary battle has been fought around Mukden and that the Japanese were victorious; severe fighting still rages. —— New York markets: Money on call was nominal, no loans; cotton was steady at 7.7.; flour was steady; wheat, spot steady, No. 2 red $1.23½ f. o. b. afloat; corn, spot steady, No. 2 57½c. at elevator; oats, spot dull, mixed 26@32 pounds, 37@38cc.; rosin steady, strained common to good $2.87½; spirits turpentine easy at 53½ to 53c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 25.

Meteorological data for the twenty four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 42; 8 P. M., 53 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum 39 degrees; mean 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, T. rainfall since first of the month to date, 5.44 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A.M. to-day (Saturday) 84.4 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, February 25.—For North Carolina: Fair Sunday and Monday; light west winds.

Port Almanac--February 26,

Sun Rises	6.38 A. M.
Sun Sets	5 50 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 12 M.
High Water at Southport	1.40 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington	4 10 P. M.

It is a lucky Senator that can get up in the morning without that indicted feeling.

The man who stands on his dignity is apt to sit down on anybody that reflects on his standing.

A New York man was fined $25 for giving his horse a pint of whiskey. He'd know better next time not to waste any of it on a horse.

The Standard Oil Company says it courts investigation. We have known all along that the company was willing to have the light turned on.

"Why not raise the President's salary?" asks the Norfolk Landmark. Well, we wouldn't mind giving him a raise if we could get in the game with him.

Lots of slick paragraphs are being fired about the investigation of the Standard Oil Company, but just so long as the flings are of a light character the trust can stand it.

People who build castles in the air are never disturbed by the thought that the plumber will ever have a chance to get up that high with his kit of tools

As long as the lamp holds out to burn, No Oil Trust will ever give a durn; "Turn on the light," the sage magnates say, "We are simply turning night to day."

A New York physician advocates the drowning of all weak minded people and idiots. The idea is monstrous but of course nobody is going to protest against it on the ground that they are liable to be drowned.

An heiress worth $1,250,000 is advertising for an honest man for a husband. We are honest, and if our shape and physiognomy suit the heiress, a matrimonial alliance between us would make our combined wealth $1,250,000.30.

George F Bowder, of Waterloo, Iowa, who was jilted by Miss Effie Curtis, of that city, has sued her for $10,000 for breach of promise. If some men could get that amount for every time they have been given the mitten they would be in a position to endow a university.

The world is now looking on to see how Kansas will come out in her fight with the Standard Oil Company. "Bleeding Kansas" can kick against being bled, but she will evidently have to get a supply of new bandages.

Berlin has a sensation because Count von Baudissin is guilty of shoplifting. He stole a pretty shop girl and ran away with her. The Count visited America with Prince Henry, of Prussia, and is quite a prominent figure among the nobles.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Revenue Cutter "Seminole was expected at Southport last night.

— Meeting of Piano Club Monday night at 8 o'clock at Elks' temple. All members requested to attend.

— Members of Endowment Rank, K. of P. are requested to attend an urgent meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock.

— Cotton was a trifle off again yesterday, though the spot markets remained unchanged. Local receipts yesterday were 304 bales against only 16 same day last year.

— It is announced that the inspection of the North Carolina National Guard will commence March 7th at Wilmington. General Woodruff, U. S. A., will represent the government and General Bain the State.

Some miscreant threw a stone into a moving trolley car in charge of Conductor Moore, on Castle street, Friday night, shattering a pane of glass and narrowly missing the head of a colored passenger.

— The father of the Rev. C. H. Utley of this city died at his home near Apex, N. C., on Feb. 16th. Rev. Mr. Utley has been with his people two weeks and will not return to this city for ten days, being kept there by sickness of other members of the family.

— If the weather is pleasant today, in addition to the usual very complete schedule on the suburban trolley line, extra cars will leave at 3 and 3:30 P. M., first making a trip around the belt in order to give all who desire the convenience of a trip to the beach without transfer.

— All six passenger coaches and the freight car of the C. R., L. & P. Co., suburban line equipment, are being fitted with air brakes, the work having commenced yesterday morning. Heretofore only two of the cars have had the air-brake equipment. The hand brakes will be continued on the cars as auxiliary equipment.

— The Wardbill editor of the STAR is under obligations to Mr. Otto Bauck for a crate of very fine old German Bock Beer, the first car of which has just been received by the Robt. Portner Brewing Co., in this city. It is now ready for delivery and may be found in bottles or on draught by all dealers.

— Contractor Jas. H. Burriss came in yesterday from Verona, Onslow county, where he has a force of carpenters at work upon some extensive construction and repairs at McIntyre's lodge there. Mr. McIntyre and party are expected at the place the latter part of March.

— "St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Paper" is the title of a neat little four-page publication issued by St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, of this city. In the current number the Lenten calendar is given, together with much other useful information to members of the congregation and the general public as well.

— The electric sign of the Southern Electric Company at the old Court House has been studded with hylo, self-flashing incandescents in red, white and blue, instead of the contiouous white lights heretofore used. The effect of the automatic flash lights in colors is very pretty and the sign attracted considerable attention on Princess street last night.

— Svere Boe, the Norwegian engineer who was in the naptha launch from which the late Wm. B. Ellis, of Freehold, N. J. was drowned off Topsail Sound two weeks ago and who made such heroic efforts to save his employer on that occasion, risking his own life, and suffering terribly in the attempt, was here yesterday on his return North. He has entirely recovered from his exposure on that eventful day in his life.

— The N. N. S. Society, of Fifth Street M. E. church, has in prospect for next Wednesday evening something novel and unique in the form of a "Funny Picture Party," which will be given at the residence of Mr. R. V. Leonard, Second and Church streets. Members will attend in fantastic costume, representing some of the favorite caricatures in the comic supplements of the metropolitan papers, a special feature being Mr. James S. Williams and Mr. R. C. Platt in an impersonation of "Alphonse" and "Gaston."

— Messrs. Bulluck & Cowan, the "yours-for-business" druggists, announce that for the convenience of their patrons and friends they have opened at their store, No. 313 North Front street, an agency for the Wilmington Steam Laundry, and that packages will be received and returned there when laundered. The Wilmington Steam Laundry is well established with the people; uses the latest and best equipment for thoroughly sanitary work and asks a continuance of the large patronage it has always enjoyed.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Gas Range—Get one.
N. B. Rankin—Notice.
To day—Cars to Beach.
N. B. Rankin—Announcement.
Bulluck & Cowan—For patrons.
Jas. M. Hall & Bro.—Feel good.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Wanted—Boarders.
For Sale—Groceries.
At Once—Make reservations.
Wanted—Lady or gentleman.
Wanted—Travelling salesman.
Wanted—Information Roger Hazel.
Endowment Rank, K of P.—Meet'g.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Large Number of Local Bills Introduced and Passed in Both Houses.

REVENUE & MACHINERY ACT.

Sections Taken Up at Night Session of House—Bucket Shop Law Goes Now to Senate—Hall of Records Appropriation Failed--Notes.

RALEIGH, N. C. Feb. 25.—Both houses of the General Assembly were chock-a-block with business to-day, the House continuing its session until 11:30 o'clock to-night. The substitute for the Wilmington pilotage bill passed both houses during the day and will become law when ratified within the next day or two; the Woodard bill preventing the operation of bucket shops in the State passed final reading in the House; the Senate killed the bill providing a hall of records for State documents; the House passed the bill abolishing three days of grace on negotiable paper, and some progress was made during the afternoon and evening on the Revenue and Machinery Act.

Senator Empie introduced during the day a bill "for the revision of liquor license law in New Hanover." It was at the request of the County Board of Education and provides that after December 1905, half of the liquor license funds coming in the county treasury shall be devoted to the school fund, this not to affect at all the city licenses.

In the House Mr. Boney introduced a bill to legalize primary elections in New Hanover. It is modelled after the Charlotte and Mecklenburg county law and is to take effect as to Wilmington on June 1st, so as not to affect the coming May election and will apply to city and county primaries, which must be held not more than 60 or less than 30 days before the regular election and 20 days' notice must be given of a primary which is called by the chairman of the party dealing it. This will pass all readings to-night in the House and will be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Boney also introduced to-day a bill to exempt Pullman car conductors from jury duty.

Regular Proceedings.

The Senate opened with prayer by Dr. Moment. Among bills introduced were: By Arendell, by request, to amend charter of Newbern; by Scales, to prevent fire insurance companies from limiting commission which agents receive from other companies; by McCulloch, to establish free ferry across Cape Fear river; regarding time for holding Superior Courts in Bladen; by Williams, to abolish pilotage laws, later passing final readings; by Eller, appropriating $50,000 for exhibit at Jamestown Exposition.

The anti jug law was made the special order for Monday, and the bill taking $10,000 from the A. and M. College was set for Tuesday.

The bill increasing the salary of the brigadier-general was made the special order for Tuesday.

Among bills which passed third reading were: To permit Tarboro to issue bonds; to improve roads in Pitt county; to form certain school district in Cumberland; to amend charter of Dunn; appropriating $150 for Moore's Creek Monumental Association; relating to school districts in Cumberland and Robeson; to amend charter of Fayetteville; regarding cotton weigher at Dunn; to amend school law of Scotland; to amend prohibition law of Cumberland; to prevent manufacture and sale of liquor within five miles of White Oak Academy; to amend law regulating veterinary practice in the State; regulating building and loan associations in State; to pay school claim in Bladen; regulating courts in Eighth Judicial District; to establish line between Cumberland and Bladen; to allow Hickory to donate $10,000 for schools; to amend the general election law so that sheriff shall post in May the names of those who have paid poll tax.

The House was opened with prayer by Rev. G. B. Starling. Among bills introduced were: By Koonce, of Onslow, to amend Section 1003, of the Code, making carrying a concealed weapon a felony; by Britt, for relief of P. A. Fore and Alma Lumber Co.; by Branch, to allow C. E. Linton, ex-Confederate, to exhibit magic lantern and phonograph show; by Austin, to regulate pay of commissioners in Nash and to amend stock law; by Fisher, for appointment of justices of the peace in Robeson; by Lockhart, to amend charter of Lillesville; by McQueen, to change town limits of Sanford; by McGill, to submit to the voters of Cross Creek township, in Cumberland, the question of stock law; by Hollowell, to amend charter of Goldsboro; by Little, to incorporate Morphine, in Pitt county; by Olive, to authorize Wake to issue bonds for roads; by Murphy, to provide for inspection of water and electric light metres; by Winborne, to add peanuts to law regulating sale of cotton at night.

The substitute bill repealing all laws relative to pilotage at the port of Wilmington passed its second and third reading. Mr. Taylor said he wanted to go on record as opposing the bill at this time, as he thought the bill was being passed too precipitately.

Murphy's bill regulating the sale of stocks of goods in bulk and to prevent fraud in the sale of the same, came up on its second reading. Mr. Winborne offered an amendment excepting the county of Hertford, which was passed. Several other amendments excepting their counties were offerd, but these amendments were lost. The bill passed second reading, and went over.

The bill allowing newspapers to make their own contracts with railroads in regard to transportation, passed its second and third reading.

The bill preventing the operation of bucket shops in North Carolina came up on its second reading. Mr. Hutchison, of Gaston, sent forward an amendment that the act should not debar dealers in spot cotton or grain in executing orders of actual dealers who are their customers. This amendment failed to pass. The bill then passed its second and third reading.

The bill amending the law abolishing days of grace came on its second reading. Mr. Woodard asked that the bill go over until Tuesday. Mr. Biggs opposed postponement, saying he had postponed the bill once for the gentlemen of Wilson, and it was time to consider the bill. The motion to postpone was lost and the bill passed its second reading.

Mr. Woodard, of Wilson, sent forward an amendment excepting eight drafts, which was accepted by Mr. Biggs, and the bill passed third reading and was sent to the Senate for concurrence in House amendment.

The bill to require the payment of arrears of taxes by telephone and telegraph companies for the years of 1903 and 1904 passed its third reading.

Graham's, of Lincoln, bill to promote the publishing and use of school books relating to North Carolina history also passed in the House.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

The House was in session to-night until 11:30, passing many local bills, and in committee of the whole considered those sections of the Revenue and Machinery bills which had been changed from the acts now in force. About the only change of note that the House made to-night in the Revenue act is to make the license tax on peddlers of medicines $100. The committee had fixed it at $25 for travellers on foot and $50 when in vehicles. It is expected that there will be night sessions throughout next week. The Revenue and Machinery bills would have been passed on second reading to-night but for the fact that no quorum was present when the committee arose.

CAPT. ABNER C. PENTON DEAD

Venerable Citizen of Wilmington Entered Into Rest Yesterday Morning--Funeral Will be Held This Afternoon.

Capt. Abner C. Penton, one of Wilmington's most venerable and highly esteemed citizens, passed away at his home, No. 111 North Seventh street, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness extending over a period of several months. While Capt. Penton's death was not entirely unexpected the announcement will bring regret to many friends who knew him well when he led a more active life. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence by Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

Capt. Abner C. Penton was born in Bridgeton, N. J., on March 4th, 1833, and he was, therefore, in the 73nd year of his age. During his earlier life he was a seafaring man and was master of a number of vessels along the coast. During the civil war he ran on one of the blockade fleet between Wilmington and Nassau and later, in 1875, moved to Wilmington to make this city his home. When fifty-six years of age, Capt. Penton abandoned his career as ship master and for a term of years was United States shipping commissioner at the port of Wilmington. After that time he was unfitted for the more active callings, by reason of his age and failing health, and he led a retired life until his death. He was a man of splendid traits of character and was held in highest esteem by all who knew him. He was married early in life to Mrs. Emily F. Blew, who preceded him to the grave on the 6th of last October. There are left surviving three sons, Messrs. Daniel H. Penton, of Wilmington; Baron D. Penton, of Lyons, Ga., and Harry S. Penton, of Mobile, Ala., all prominent in the business life of their respective communities. They have the sympathy of hundreds of friends in the bereavement which has fallen to them so soon after their mother was taken a few months ago.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR STEAMER.

"Wilmington" Will be Brilliantly Lighted During Coming Excursion Season.

The Southern Electric Company, of this city, yesterday closed a contract with Capt. John W. Harper for installing upon the steamer "Wilmington" a complete electric lighting equipment, which will be in readiness by the opening of the excursion season. The machinery, consisting of a marine type of engine and direct connecting dynamo, has already been shipped and two experts will be put to work Tuesday wiring the boat from stem to stern. All the wires will be invisible and the number of lights will be from 75 to 100 with a larger capacity, if at any time it shall be desirable to add more. Provision will also be made for the installation of a number of electric fans in case at any time the breeze should not be sufficient for comfort during the Summer, a possibility which, however, is very remote. An electric search light will probably be added to the equipment a little later.

Recovered Stolen Bicycle.

During last December a bicycle was stolen from under the residence of Mr. J. Spillman, 508 South Third street. Since that time Mr. Spillman, while about the city attending to business had been on a still hunt for the machine until yesterday afternoon, when he saw it in front of a colored undertaker's shop on Second street, near the postoffice avenue. He applied to Justice Bornemann for possession of the property and a visit to the shop disclosed the fact that the wheel was then claimed by L. B. Smith, a clerk in the shop. Smith said he got the wheel from a repair shop at the grocery store of John Murphy, colored, at Seventh and Church streets. Murphy has furnished the name of the party from whom he secured the wheel and Justice Bornemann is continuing the investigation. In the meantime Mr. Spillman has taken possession of the wheel.

Site for New Pavilion.

By deed filed for record yesterday the Ocean View Company transferred to the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co., the site for the new pavilion now being erected on Wrightsville Beach. The consideration named in the deed is $10. The property is described as beginning at a stone on the eastern edge of the right of way of the railroad, 734.6 feet south of Station No. 6, having a frontage of 300 feet on the ocean.

THE PILOTAGE BILL.

Full Text of the Measure As It Passed Both Houses of Legislature Yesterday.

DELEGATIONS RETURNED.

Effect of General Repeal of All Laws Appears Problematical and Contingent Upon Action of Business Men in Future—All Satisfied.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 25.—The substitute pilotage bill was put through both the House and Senate this morning and is being enrolled for ratification, to be in full force thereafter. Here is the bill as passed:

Section 1. That sections 3480 to 3508, inclusive, of Chapter 46, Volume 2, of the Code, and all acts amendatory and supplementary thereof, are hereby repealed.

Section 2. That Chapter 183, of the Public Laws of 1883; Chapter 95, of the Public Laws of 1887; Chapter 46, of the Public Laws of 1889; Chapter 486, of the Public Laws of 1891; Chapter 121, of the Public Laws of 1897; Chapter 463, of the Public Laws of 1901, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That all other laws or clauses of laws relating to pilots or pilotage on the river or bar of the Cape Fear river are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

The large delegation of Wilmington business men who remained in Raleigh until the substitute for the Wilmington Pilotage bill passed its each and every reading in both houses, returned to the city on the late Seaboard Air Line train last night. They were met at the station by one of the large suburban trolley cars and were given a triumphant entry, so to speak, into the city. All were jubilant over the turn the fight had taken. Members of the pilotage delegation who returned also last night likewise expressed satisfaction. The effect of the compromise, if so it may be regarded, appears to have left the general public at sea as to the result. However, the leaders among the business mens' committee say the conditions will be wonderfully improved and that nothing has happened before in a generation that will be as fruitful of so much good to Wilmington. On the other hand it is pointed out as was stated in these columns yesterday, that with all restrictions removed, the pilots will now be at liberty to fix their rates at what they choose and may form a combination or community of interest as strong as they like. To this it is answered that the business men are fully prepared to hire competitive pilots, if necessary, and to follow this up by the purchase of one or more tugs in case an effort should be made to bar out competition by a combination of the present jug boats and any organization of the old pilots that may be attempted for other than strictly legitimate purposes. The general opinion prevails that time only and the determination of the shippers will tell what the result of the general repeal of all the laws will be.

SALOON MAN ARRESTED.

Proprietor Starkey Charged With Permitting Gaming in Excelsior Bar.

M. L. Starkey, proprietor of the Excelsior Saloon, on Front street, opposite The Orton, was arrested last night upon a warrant sworn out, on information and believed by Policeman Frank George, charging him with permitting gambling in the pool and billiard rooms, conducted in connection with the saloon. The warrant was served between 11 and 12 o'clock and Mr. Starkey furnished bond with Mr. M. O'Brien as surety in the sum of $200, for his appearance in the Mayor's court at noon to-morrow. It is learned that the evidence upon which the warrant was served was secured by plain-clothes men, who have been at work on the case for some time.

Negro Held For Forgery.

Jim Whitted, the negro with a penchant for forging orders on merchants and others of the city for anything that he is able to turn to good account, was arraigned in the Mayor's court yesterday upon a charge of forging the name of Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., to an order upon The Orton Bar for a bottle of "the best" whiskey. The negro secured the bottle of liquor from Mr. J. T. Quarles, the bar-keeper, and converted it to his own use. Subsequently it turned out that the order was a forgery and Whitted was arrested. Chief Furlong also had a forged order that had been "worked" the same day at the store of Mr. N. B. Rankin for two dozen eggs in the name of Mr. Giles, but that charge was not pressed. The negro was held for the April 23rd term of Superior Court and went to jail in default of $200 bond. Whitted has already served time for forging the name of Mr. Clayton Giles for eggs on the Wilmington Grocery Co., and Mr. W. J. Meredith several months ago. The negro makes a specialty of Mr. Giles' name because of Mr. Giles' responsibility and because at one time a relative of his was employed as a servant by Mr. Giles.

Rev. Dr. Ivey Here.

Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Garrell, on Third street. He will preach at the morning service to-day at Grace church, and this afternoon he will conduct the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. At the men's meeting special music will be rendered by the Acme Male Quartette and by Miss Nora Scott, one of Wilmington's most talented young vocalists.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., returned last night from Raleigh.

— Among yesterday's arrivals was E. W. Boatwright, of Marion, S. C.

— Miss Maud Bullock has returned from a pleasant visit to Winston-Salem.

— Mr. Joe Cronly and family returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., yesterday after a pleasant visit to Mr Cronly's mother in this city.

— Mrs. H. C. Cox, of Albany, Ga., who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. F. Robertson, for several weeks, returned home yesterday afternoon.

— Mr. D. H. Littlejohn, who comes to Wilmington from the Charlotte News to become city editor of the Evening Dispatch, arrived yesterday and on Monday will take up the duties of his new position.

— Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. E. S. Nash, Mr. Jno. S. Armstrong, Jr., and City Attorney Wm. J. Bellamy returned last night from Chapel Hill, where they attended the Gimghoul dance at the University Friday evening.

— The many friends in this city of A. W. McLean, Esq., of Lumberton, were delighted to see him here yesterday for the first time since his recent very severe and continued illness. He is rapidly regaining his strength and is looking well.

— Mr. B. H. Brady has been granted a permit to erect a handsome two-story residence of artificial stone on Third street, between Castle and Queen. Mr. Brady and family will occupy the residence when completed.

— Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur, of this city, and M. C. Guthrie, Esq., of Southport, who were in Raleigh representing opposite factions in the pilotage fight, returned home yesterday morning, both expressing satisfaction as the result of the hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

— Friends of Miss Mary White in this city will be interested in knowing that she underwent an operation for appendicitis, by Dr. A. H. Harriss, of Wilmington, and Dr. Whitehead, of Rocky Mount, at the James Walker Memorial Hospital here yesterday afternoon. At last accounts Miss White was doing very well.

— Mr. W. B. Cooper, of the business mens' pilotage committee, returned from Raleigh yesterday evening. Mr. Cooper talked interestingly of the sensational climax in the hearing Friday afternoon. He spoke especially complimentarily of Senators Cox, of Anson; Toms of Hendersonville, and McCulloch, of Bladen, who did all in their power on the committee for the business interests of the city.

Collins Murder Trial.

Judge Garland S. Ferguson, who is now engaged in holding the courts of the Seventh Judicial District, arrived in the city yesterday from Fayetteville on his way to Whiteville to open Columbus Superior Court Monday. The important case for trial in Columbus is that of J. W. Collins, the well to-do farmer of the Armour section, charged with the murder of Jeff Davis, a 16-year-old white boy who was bound to him, the particulars of which are well remembered by readers of this paper. Messrs. Marsden Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, of this city, of counsel for Collins, will go over to Whiteville Monday afternoon, but it is not settled yet whether or not a continuance will be asked. Messrs. R. M. Wescott, W. J. Flynn and G. T. Flynn and Ida Larkins, colored, of Wilmington, were subpoenaed yesterday to attend the trial. It is presumed that the Messrs. Flynn and Wescott are wanted a character witnesses.

Editor Brunson Complimented.

Mr. George W. Brunson, Jr., leaves this afternoon for Charlotte to take up his new duties as editor of the Evening News, of that city. As a testimonial of their esteem for Mr. Brunson, when he took his formal leave from the Dispatch office yesterday afternoon, his fellow employes and associates on that paper presented to him a very handsome seal ring, suitably inscribed with his monogram and upon the inside, "From the Evening Dispatch, 1905." The presentation was made by Mr. J. Edgar Lewis, foreman of the office, and Mr. Brunson responded in a feeling manner, expressing his regret at breaking the ties which had been so pleasant, thanking his fellows for the very handsome manifestation of their good feeling. Mrs. Brunson and little daughter will not join Mr. Brunson in Charlotte until later.

The Smallpox Situation.

Three patients were quarantined for smallpox, with a number of "contacts," by the health authorities yesterday. One was a colored porter employed at night at the A. C. L. offices. He was sent home by Custodian S. J. Ellis early yesterday morning with an eruption on his face and was sent out to the pest house from 811 Harnett street. The other cases were Nora Bunting, colored, 13 years old, 1318 North Sixth street, and a colored man named Hunter at 707 Ann street. There are now 21 patients and suspects in the pest house and six or seven quarantines are in effect in the city.

The "Light House" for an oyster roast! Everything new. Electric lights. Cheerful open fires. Last car leaves Wrightsville at 10:30 P.M.; heated, closed cars. The 3 o'clock car from town comes back as far as the Light House at 4:30 P. M. to give you an opportunity to get an oyster roast as well as visit the the ocean.

To-day, To-day.

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If Weather Is Pleasant Extra Cars Will

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VISIT THE LIGHT HOUSE FOR AN OYSTER ROAST.

Well Heated. Well Lighted.

CAPTURE OF ARTHUR BEATTY

Negro Prowler Around Presbyterian Manse, Cleverly Captured by Minister, Was Given Trial by Mayor Yesterday.

The negro Arthur Beatty, captured yesterday morning at 2 o'clock by the Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in an evident attempt to break into the Presbyterian manse, at Third and Orange streets, was arraigned in the police court at noon upon a charge of trespass and an attempt to commit a felony. The negro was sent to jail in default of $250 justified bond to appear at the April term of New Hanover Superior Court.

The case proved to be one of the most interesting that has developed in the police court in some time. Dr. Wells told of having been awakened at the early hour by Mrs. Wells, who told him somebody was on the back porch up stairs, near the room in which they were sleeping. Dr. Wells secured his pistol and went out on the porch to investigate. The negro was no where to be seen, but Dr. Wells extended his search to a closet in one corner of the piazza, and while groping his way around in the darkness of the rather narrow confines of the small room, pistol in one hand, he put the other hand on the negro. Twice he commanded the intruder to come out under threat to shoot, but the negro made no answer until a third time, when the threat was made more insistent. The negro then made reply, and while Dr. Wells held him at bay with the pistol, afterwards closing the door and locking it upon him, Mrs. Wells telephoned to Mr. N. B. Rankin's residence nearby and had the message sent to the police station, to which Sergeant George Smith responded, taking the negro to the police station.

At the trial yesterday Beatty told a very improbable story of being at the Carolina Central station when the late train came in; of having been met on the street by a colored woman named Mary Johnson, who said she was scared to go home and asked him to accompany her; of having complied with the woman's request and of being asked in at Dr. Wells'; that upon arriving there, the woman who had a bunch of keys in her hand, went in a room and told him to have a seat in the room in which he was found; that he supposed Mary Johnson cooked at the "white folks'" house there. As a matter of fact, Dr. Wells' cook was not named Mary Johnson and the cook lived elsewhere in the city. Sergeant Smith, who made the arrest, said the negro was either half intoxicated or feigned that condition.

Though the back portion of the piazza was enclosed, it was not locked and a case of burglary could not be made out against Beatty. He is the same negro who was recently picked up one morning in the southeastern section of the city, more dead than alive, from having lain out in the snow the night before. He had been employed by Stone & Co., on the wharf, and his employers had given bond for him pending his trial for being drunk and down upon that occasion. When the graver charge was brought against him yesterday, the "drunk and down" charge was, of course, abandoned.

Mr. N. B. Rankin Retires.

Elsewhere in to-day's paper will be found official announcement of the fact that on March 1st Mr. N. B. Rankin, wholesale and retail grocer, No. 10 North Front street, will retire from business, after a successful career of more than 20 years. Mr. Rankin has sold his stock of wines and liquors to Mr. W. Van Hardin, who will remove the same to his place of business at No. 119 Princess street. The sale to Mr. Hardin includes the sole agency in Wilmington of the famous R. A. Stuart's Rockbridge Rye and other brands. Mr. Rankin will leave the grocery business on the evening of Feb. 28th and on March 1st will offer for sale, for cash, at cost, the stock of groceries either as whole or at retail.

DIED.

PENTON—At his home in this city Saturday Feb. 25th, Capt. ABNER C. PENTON, 72 years of age.

Funeral from his late residence No. 111 North 7th street at 4 P. M. this (Sunday) afternoon. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

$4.00 Rents A Gas Range for A Year.

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JAS. M. HALL & BRO.,

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NOTICE

I respectfully notify my friends and patrons that I have turned over to Mr. W. Van Hardin, 119 Princess street, my stock of Wines and Liquors and he will in the future offer for sale all the brands formerly sold by me, which includes the SOLE AGENCY of the R.A. Stuart's Rockbridge Rye. Thanking them for the liberal patronage to me I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same for him.

Respectfully,

N. B. RANKIN.

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Wilmington Steam Laundry

They use the latest improved machinery. All washing done according to Sanitary rules. Try the Domestic finish—goods look better, linen lasts longer. Gloss finish given if so requested.

Yours for healthy laundry work.

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Announcement.

I respectfully notify my friends and patrons that I intend to quit the grocery business on the evening of Feb. 28th and thank them for their past patronage. On March 1st I will offer for sale FOR CASH my stock of groceries AT COST either as a whole or at retail.

Respectfully,

N. B. RANKIN.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 26.

BRIGHT WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE AS A HOUSEMAID.

The servant problem is one of the most serious in this country to-day.

The experiences of the employing people in the cities of the South as well as the North are the same, and the newspapers everywhere teem with accounts of the inconvenience, annoyance and unsatisfactory conditions not only on account of the scarcity of house help of all kinds, but doubtless more on account of the inefficient and unreliable help that offers for employment. It is truly a problem that practical peoplt are setting about to solve. Wilmington is deeply concerned in it, and householders will be interested in the efforts of Miss Jane Seymour Klink to study the situation and offer a solution.

Miss Klink, a bright and practical young woman, in order to make a study of the perplexing servant problem, hired herself out and engaged in the work to get a clear insight into it, with a view to writing of the subject from an experienced standpoint. After a period of practical education as a servant, she gives her conclusions in an entertaining and valuable article in the Atlantic Monthly for March. It is a thoughtful, interesting and helpful article to all concerned in the subject which she so entertainingly treats

Miss Klink shows us that the problem which confronts society is as difficult as it is important. The first conditions are that thousands of homes are in need of cooks and housemaids. She finds that as a rule the wages offered are better than those in the factories and in many of the department stores. Her observation, and there is no doubt of it, is that the cook and the housemaid are better fed than any other class of workwomen. While she was waiting in a Boston Cafe, she made careful observation and writes this:

"I have sat night after night in a Boston cafe and seen women and girls come in and dine with unfailing regularity off tea and rolls, costing 10 cents. Yet they had been working hard all day, and, to judge by their looks, needed something more substantial. And many more have not even that, but cook in their rooms, reducing the cost of living to that of simple existence." The domestic, on the other hand, is as a rule well fed, well housed, and the labor, while continuous, is not usually hard or exhausting. And yet employment is offered in thousands of homes and there are no applicants, while "factories are overwhelmed with applicants for work, sweatshops flourish on cheap and abundant labor, department stores turn away thousands of would-be salesgirls, typewriters are legion, there are more teachers than there are places."

The Baltimore Sun gives us this further view of Miss Klink's article and her remedy for the trouble:

In their extremity families are compelled to accept the services of dirty and incompetent servants to whom it is no object to please, because they know if they lose one place they can get another without any trouble. Strangers without characters are taken into the homes, trusted with children and property, and there is an amount of blind faith that is astonishing. And even the negro "tramp" servants are so hard to get that homes are broken up and families are going into boarding houses and apartment houses, or are buying cheap meal tickets here and there.

What is the remedy? For there must be some. It is to elevate domestic service and to make it more attractive, so that girls and women of decent parentage can engage in it without any feeling of social discredit. Miss Klink says that domestics, above all else, object to being called servants. It implies a degree of social inferiority to which the American woman will never subject herself if she can avoid it. Rather than do so she will submit to the indignities and hardships and starvation of other employments. It is not a question of wages that figures in the difficulty of getting domestics. At the present rate of wages a cook can clothe herself comfortably, have abundant and good food and put something in the savings bank. That is what few factory girls can accomplish. The problem to which society must address itself, then, is how are we to elevate domestic employment and make the social position of these employes as good as that of those who work in factories, for example. When that is accomplished housekeepers will have competent and self-respecting women around them whom they can trust and who will not have to be reproved and watched; who can get through their work in half the time it takes an incompetent, and will thus have shorter hours of actual work. There are thousands upon thousands of women and girls who want employment, and as soon as domestic service can be entered into by self-respecting women without any more feeling of social discredit than when they go into a factory or into a department store, then there will be no scarcity of cooks and housemaids. Let the social economists among our housekeepers set to work upon the proposition.

Poisons in Food.

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food, or money back. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Try them.

MAGAZINES AND BOOKS.

Frank Leslie's Monthly Magazine for March is on our table. The number is up to the high standard of this widely read publication, the contents embracing a great variety of topics most ably and interestingly discussed. One of the timely subjects under discussion is the "Lords of Traffic," by Frank L. Spearman, who writes of the great railroad presidents of America. His article is illustrated with portraits, and he by no means exhausts the subject but will continue it in subsequent numbers. The whole number is replete with valuable and entertaining reading matter, and all the departments are complete as usual. Subscription price $1.00 per annum; 10 cents per copy. Address Frank Leslie Publishing Company, 141-147 Fifth Avenue, New York.

We have received Pearson's magazine for March, and it is notable for the numerous splendid articles embraced in the table of contents. The leading article is an account of the marvelous reclaimation of Galveston, Texas, which was largely destroyed four years ago by the great tidal storm which swept the water front. The writer of the article, Mr. Austin, gives a fine account of the great feat of engineering and the hurculean work done in building a sea wall and raising the grade of the entire water front of the greatest cotton port of the world. The work is interestingly illustrated and one may get a glimpse of the powerful wall which beats back the sea waves and around which is a magnificent driveway, adding greatly to the attraction of the city. Kate V. Saint Maur continues her valuable articles on "A Self-Supporting Home," and "A. V." entertains as usual with his writings "In Russia on Secret Service." There are also a score of other contributions of a strong and interesting character, with illustrations that make the number additionally entertaining. Subscription price $1 per annum; 10c per copy. Address The Pearson Publishing Co., 2 to 20 Astor Place, New York.

The Weekly Literary Digest, a publication that comes square up to the notch as an entertainer and instructor, is intensely interesting this week. The leading events of the day are presented in a luminous way, and there is a wonderfully interesting and entertaining table of contents, embracing literature, art, science, invention, foreign comment, book discussions and miscellaneous matter. This superior publication can be had for $3 per annum or 10c. per copy. Address, Funk ank Wagnals Company, 44-60 East 25th street, New York.

A new novel just out is "The Girl of LaGloria," by Clara Driscoll. It is a story of adventure, feud, romance and love on the border between Mexico and Texas, and the writer in each chapter dramatically and charmingly writes of the phases of the story and incidents in the life of her heroine "Ilaria." The publishers are G. P. Putman's Sons, New York.

It is now stated that "the Czar is ready to surrender all to gain peace." Most of the Czar's troubles were brought on by trying to gain the piece of China known as Manchuria.

TWINKLINGS

— He—I told your father that I just dote on you. She—And what did he say? He—That I had better find an antidote.—Illustrated Bits.

— Mrs. Wellredd—Did you visit the catacombs while in Rome? Mrs. Nooritch—No; we called on no one of that name. e met very few people, in fact. udge.

— Small Boy—"Gimme a grain o' quinine." Druggist—"Only one grain? What yer goin' to do with one grain?" Small Boy—"Paw wants to put it in a gallon o' whiskey he's got."—Pittsburg Post.

"Can you support my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?" "Perhaps not. But I can support her in the style to which her mother was accustomed during her early married life."—Life.

— "Mrs. Chellus looks bad, doesn't she?" "Yes, and no wonder. She's been awake every night for a week past." "The idea! What was the matter?" "She discovered about a week ago that her husband talks in his sleep and, of course, she had to listen."—Kansas City Independent.

— Small Boy: What are those dark spots on sister's face? Mother: Freckles, my son. Small Boy: That's what I thought. But I heard her fellow say last night they were "Brown-eyed daisies slumbering in a field of cream," and I guess he must have picked 'em all. I got awfully cramped behind the sofa.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

—A Last Resort.—Caller—What a beautiful baby! And what is its name? Young Mother—Bridget Sullivan Devere. Caller—Mercy sakes! How did you happen to give it a name like that? Young Mother—Why, the cook threatened to leave when baby came, and we got her to stay by naming the baby after her.—Brooklyn Life.

— After the doctor had examined the patient and the man's wife wanted to know the nature of the illness the conscientious physician said: "Your husband's condition is such that it will take some time to differentiate the symptoms to arrive at an accurate conception of the malady from which he is suffering. The treatment must be symptomatic. I must first make a diagnosis." "I hope you can make it of calico," remarked the woman, "for I haven't a piece of flannel in the house."—Chicago News.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' Catholic Church: First Mass 7 A. M. High Mass and Sermon 10:30 A. M. Sunday School 3 P. M. Vesper and Benediction 7:45.

Southside Baptist church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. W. H. Davis pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Odd Fellows' building, second floor: Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon, "Man." All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth Street, Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor: Sunday school at 10 A. M.; preaching at 11 A. M; vesper sermon at 7.30 P. M.; Y. P. Society Wednesday at 8 P. M. Every person welcome.

St. John's church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: Sexagesima Sunday, morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 4 P. M. Seats free; strangers especially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder. pastor: Sexagesima Sunday, German service 11 A. M.; English vesper service, 7:30 P. M.; Christian Association 4.30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, corner of Queen and Sixth streets, Rev. Harold Thomas, minister in charge: Divine service to-day at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M.: choir practice and Bible class on Tuesday at 8 P. M. All are welcomed at these services.

Bladen street M. E. church, South corner Fifth and Bladen streets, Rev. George B. Webster, pastor: Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by Rev. L. St. Clare, a missionary from Cape Town, South Africa. Rev. Mr. St. Clare will conduct evangelistic services each evening at 8 P. M. until further notice is given. A cordial welcome to all.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It must make a Russian Grand Duke jump when his barber calls "Next!"—Baltimore Sun.

—— William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, is a stockholder in some profitable oil lands. It is funny to think of Bryan as a possible plutocrat.—Washington Post.

—— The Confederate flags are to be returned. Now, if General Miles and Mrs. Davis will return their letters or burn them, we may have a better opportunity for forgetting.—Washington Post.

—— The physicians have discovered a disease known as ærogenes enscapulatus, which causes mortification before death. We know now what's the matter with the railway rate bill.—Washington Post.

—— "Capt. George W. Byron, of Washington, is inventing an airship which, he says, will discount that of Santos Dumont. He will shortly make an ascent in Washington. He will employ nine separate gas bags to make the aerial ship for long-distance trrffic.—Charleston News and Courier. If he could engage the services of Congressman Baker he might not need the other eight gas-bags.—Norfolk Landmark.

—— The House of Representatives has unanimously passed Capt. Lamb's bill to return to the Southern States the Confederate battle-flags captured during the Civil War. That is an unexpected bit of good news. In the face of the unanimous action of the House the Senate can hardly reject the bill, and if it goes through Congress we suppose that there is no doubt of the President's signature. Unanimous action by both Houses would be profoundly appreciated.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

——Judge Fitzgerald, of the New York Supreme Court, had 55 divorce cases on his calendar on Wednesday and he disposed of 17 cases in four hours. That is above the record of any Western court. Divorce cases are handled much the same as police court matters. The persons concerned in these cases were nearly all foreigners, who seem to have a low idea of American divorce law, and, what is worse, they are not much astray on that point.—Philadelphia Press.

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Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist, Offers the People of Wilmington Vinol, a Body Building, Strengthening and Healing Medicine.

We have a warranted cure for all thin, tired, debilitated, nervous people. It is Vinol, the most delicious and valuable preparation of cod liver oil ever discovered. Vinol tones up the digestive organs, cures all stomach troubles, makes rich, red blood, creates strength, and builds up firm, healthy flesh.

Mr. Frank Graves, a lawyer of Winooski, Vt., writes: "Permit me to say a word indorsing the peerless merits of your cod liver oil preparation, Vinol. I was in very poor health when I bought my first bottle of Vinol, and I wish every sufferer could see what it has done for me. It brought back my appetite, put flesh on my bones, strengthened my nervous system and toned up my whole physical condition. Vinol simply did wonders for me."

As we have so often stated in these columns, Vinol is the greatest strength creator known to medicine, and we do not believe there is a person in this vicinity but what Vinol will benefit at this season of the year; it never fails to make the weak strong and the sick well.

Vinol is just as valuable for all hacking coughs, chronic colds, throat and bronchial troubles, and we return money if it fails. Robt. R. Bellamy, druggist.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Its the best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.* The Kind You Have Always Bought

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Raleigh Post: The bill to put the state records in the penientiary for safe keeping was probably intended as a reflection on the State officials having them in charge.

— Charlotte Chronicle: Our idea of it is that this whiskey business should have been left in charge of the Prohibition party. The Democratic party was never able to deny the fact that it stole the Populist platform, and now it has robbed the Prohibition party of about the only job that party had in the State.

— Raleigh News and Observer: The Yarborough lobby these nights is a place of real interest. Many of the State's leading politicians are there and a fellow hears many things that would not do to tell. To tell the truth it is worth a man's while to spend an evening there and study the characteristics of a modern politician.

— Raleigh Post: The whole State sympathizes with Senator Beasley, of Currituck, whose little son recently disappeared in some mysterious way. No tidings have been received as to the whereabouts of the little fellow. Senator Beasley offers, through the columns of the Post this morning, a reward of five hundred dollars for the return of the boy alive to his parents.

—Charlotte Chronicle: A few years ago the boys hunted rabbits in the vacant fields east and north of the depot at Concord. Now there are no vacant fields there. All have been built up in cotton mills and furniture factories. The vacant field to the south is now to be built up with a new electric power plant and cotton mill town. Concord is a fine example of what manufacturing plants will do for a town.

— Raleigh Times, February 25th: We are glad to see the sentiment growing in favor of enlarging the capitol. Looking at the matter from a plain, business standpoint, this seems to us to be the only wise course to pursue. The committee appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the subject thoroughly and make recommendation, came to the conclusion after studying the proposition from all sides, that it would be best for the State to enlarge the present capitol building rather than erect other buildings.

— Charlotte Observer: Some of Mecklenburg's leading farmers are selling hay on the Charlotte market. Many wagons, loaded with fine pea vine hay, pressed into bales, are seen on the streets every day. Mr. John L. Rae, Jr., of Providence township, and Mr. Robert B. Johnson, of Pineville, sold several loads here recently. The price runs from $16 to $20 a ton. An acre of good ground will produce from 1½ to 2 tons easily. This makes the culture of peas worth the while. It would be interesting to know how much hay was made in the county last year, how much will be sold, and the greatest quantity grown on a single acre. These are questions people ask every day.

Among the new corporations chartered at Raleigh on Friday was the Durham Tobacco, Storage and Inspection Company, of Durham. The purpose of the corporation is to buy, re handle, prize and deal in leaf tobacco. The authorized capital stock is $25,000. Will commence business on $18,000. The incorporators and shareholders are R. L. Dibrell 60 shares; H. L. Bootwright, 60 shares; Sterling Smith, 60 shares. The Thompson-Branton Company, of Shelby, was incorporated. The purpose of the corporation is to manufacture sash, doors, blinds and all manner and kinds of building material. The authorized capital stock is $10,000. Will commence business on $4,500.

— Charlotte Chronicle: "Lucky" Joe Wilson, of Watauga county, died in jail at Statesville, a few days ago. Governor Glenn had granted a pardon for the man, but when the pardon reached Statesville Lucky Joe was dead. The Landmark quotes Wilson's attorneys as saying that the sentence was excessive and illegal from the fact that he was convicted in three cases, one being an assault with a deadly weapon and the other two simple assaults. For the first he was sentenced to a year and for the others two years each, while they insist that he could not be legally sentenced to more than 30 days each for the simple assaults. But Lucky Joe, although wealthy, was known as a bad man, and it was to his bad reputation that his heavy sentence was due.

— A dispatch from Statesville on Friday says: "Mr. J. P. Burke received letters to-day from a number of relatives bringing the information that he and his sisters, Mrs. Carr and Misses Joe and Ada Burke, are among the heirs to property in New York city said to be worth $300,000,000. In 1795 Andrew Hartsfield, one of the ancestors of these people, leased to the city of New York 160 acres of land, extending from Seventy fifth street to One Hundred and Twenty-first street, and from the North river almost to the East river in New York. A great many of the heirs to the estate live in North Carolina. If the estate should prove to be a reality Mr. Burke and his sisters would probably get several millions. To day is the first time Mr. Burke ever heard of the matter and he doesn't know whether it amounts to anything.

— Raleigh News and Observer: After a splendid fight for a repeal of all the loose divorce laws in North Carolina, with a great victory assured, the House made a mistake in adding a new cause for divorce. It is an open secret that this new cause was added to meet a particular case—a grievouse case, but one in which the suffering wife does not live with her husband and where she is under the present laws unable to get a divorce from bed and board. If any additional cause is to be added, that particular case and that cause is one that has more merit than any other one brought forward, but we do not believe that this Legislature ought to add any additional cause, and particularly that it should not make a general law to meet a single case of hardship. If that is done in one instance, others will follow and there is grave danger that others will be incorporated and that the strong sentiment against loose divorce laws will not result in legislation that will meet the request of the 400,000 petitioners to this General Assembly.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 25.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $2.25@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	18
Rosin	707
Tar	111
Crude turpentine	59

Receipts same day last year—34 casks spirits turpentine, 343 barrels rosin, 92 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 7¾c for middling. Same day last year, market dull at 13⅛c for middling.

Receipts—304 bales; same day last year, 16.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 95c; extra prime, $1.00; fancy, $1.10, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, dull, 10@11c.

EGGS—Dull at 20@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 15@35c; springs, 12½@15c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@8c net.

PEAS—White, $1.75@1.85; clay, $1.2 @1.35.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60@75c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Money on call was nominal; no loans; time loans were firmer; sixty days 3 per cent.; ninety days 3¼ per cent.; six months 3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3¾@4¼ per cent. Sterling exchange was quoted easier, with actual business in bankers' bills 486.85 for demand and at 484.65@484.70 for sixty day bills. The posted rates 485½ and 488. Commercial bills 484@484½. Bar silver 60⅝. Mexican dollars 47. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104⅝; U. S. 3's, registered, 104; do. coupon, 104; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 132; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 132; U. S. 4's, old; registered, 105½; do. coupon, 105¼, American Tobacco 4's cert., 74⅞; American Tobacco 6,s cert., 115½; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 103½; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 103¼; Seaboard Air Line 4's 91; Southern Railway 5's, 119¼. Stocks: Atlantic Coast Line 124¾; Baltimore & Ohio preferred 97; Chesapeake & Ohio 51½; Louisville & Nashville 140⅜; Manhattan L 172½; New York Central 159½; Reading 95⅞; do. 1st pref'd, 91; do. 2nd pref'd 89⅞; Southern Railway 36½; do. pref'd 98¼; Amalgamated Copper 76⅜; People's Gas 108⅝; Tennessee Coal and Iron 93⅜; U. S. Leather 13⅞; U. S. Leather preferred, 104½; Western Union 93½; U. S. Steel 34⅝; do. preferred 95⅜; Mexican Central 23½; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 35½; sales — shares; do. preferred, 107; sales — shares. Standard Oil 604.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 18½; do. preferred, 38½@39½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Rosin steady. Strained, common to good, $2 87½. Sepirits turpentine easy at 52½@53c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 25.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 25.—Spirits turpentine firm at 50c; receipts 4 casks; sales 275 casks; shipments 485 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 711 barrels; sales 1,055 barrels; shipments 274 barrels: A, B, C, $2 72½; D, $2 77½; E, $2 87½; F, $3 90; G, $3 95; H $3 25; I, $3 50; K, $4 05; M, $4 50; N, $4 75; W G, $5 00; W W $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, 25.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of three points on March, which was in demand by spot houses while other months, reflecting rather disappointing cables, good weather and large receipts, were two to three points lower. Trading was quiet, and with fresh demand and limited prices following the call, gradually worked lower, but showed a fairly steady tone about three to four points under last night's finals.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Cotton was steady at 7.75; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 2,595 bales; stock 69,258 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady: middling uplands 7.75; middling gulf 8.00c; sales 461 bales.

Futures opened steady: March 7.37, April —, May 7.40, June —, July 7.45, August 7.49, September —, October 7.57, November 7 60 bid, December —.

Futures market closed steady: February 7.29, March 7.30, April 7.33, May 7.36, June 7 36, July 7.38, August 7.42, September 7.43, October 7.50, November 7.51, December 7.55.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 24,023 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,000 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 25,306 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 666,616 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 24,023 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,000 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to Continent 25,306 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 7,015,327 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,632,032 bales; exports to France 590,494 bales; exports to the Continent 2,220,129 bales; exports to Japan 107,250 bales; exports to Mexico 21,544 bales.

Feb. 25.—Galveston, quiet at 7⅞c, net receipts 3,331 bales; Norfolk, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 1,604 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7.75c, net receipts 138 bales; Wilmington, steady at 7¾, net receipts 304 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, dull at 7⅝c, net receipts 5,089 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7⅝, net receipts 5,367 bales; Mobile, steady at 7⅝c, net receipts 698 bales; Memphis, steady at 7 9 16c, net receipts 648 bales; Augusta, steady at 7⅞c, net receipts 745 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7½c, net receipts 49 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Flour was steady; Minnesota patents $5 00@6 50; Minnesota bakers' $3 80@4 65; Winter patents $5 50@5 85. Rye flour quiet; to good $4 35@4 70; choice to fancy $4 75@4 95. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red $1 23⅜ f. o. b. afloat. Options show a partial ⅛c net decline; May closed $1 17¼; July closed $1 05⅜; September closed 96⅛c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 57½c at elevator. Options ⅛c net lower: May closed 53⅛c; July closed 53⅛c; September closed 53⅛c. Oats—Spot dull; mixed, 26@32 lbs., 37@38c. Butter weak; creamery, common to extra 26@32c; State dairy 24@30c. Cheese—Market strong; State, small colored and white 10½@13½c. Eggs steady; Southerns 25@30c. Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra, 2⅞@5⅜. Tallow quiet; city ($2 per package) 4⅞. country (package free) 4⅝@4⅞c. Molasses steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice 29@35c. Sugar —Raw firm; fair refining 4 9-16@4⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test 5 1-16@5⅛; molasses sugar 4 5 16@4⅜; refined firm; confectioner's A $5 90; mould A $6 40; cut loaf $6 75; crushed $6 75; powdered $6 15; granulated $6 05; cubes $6 30. Lard steady; Western steam $7 00; refined quiet; continent $7 10; compound 4⅞@5¼c. Pork quiet; family $14 00@15 00; short clear $13 00@15 25; mess $12 75@13 50. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 3¼@5⅛c; other domestic grades 3⅛@5⅛. Potatoes quiet; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 50@2 00; State and Western $1 25@1 35; Jersey sweets $3 00@4 50. Cabbages steady; domestic, per ton, $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 12@14c. Cotton seed oil was dull, closing with prices unsettled: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 20c; prime summer yellow 27@28; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 30c; prime winter yellow 31c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Liquidation was the rule in grain pits to-day. Increased receipts northwest constituted the principal item tending to depress wheat values. At the close, wheat for May delivery was off three fourths cents. July wheat is down three-eights cents Corn is off one-fourth to three-eights cents; oats show a loss of one-eigth cent, and provisions are two and one-half cents lower to five to seven and one-half cents higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Cash prices: Flour—Market closed steady at quotations: winter patents $5 10@5 20; straights $4 90@5 00; spring patents $5 10@5 60; straights $4 50@5 00; bakers' $2 60@3 80. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 15@1 19; No. 3 do. $1 10@$1 19; No. 2 red $1 18@1 19⅜. Corn—No. 2 45⅛c; No. 2 yellow 45⅛c. Oats—No. 2 30⅜@30⅞c; No. 2 white, 31⅛@32⅛c; No. 3 white 30⅜@31⅜c. Rye—No. 2 77c. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 35@12 40. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 72@6 75. Short rib sides, loose, $6 50@6 62. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 75@6 87. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 23.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 18⅛@1 18⅜. 1 18⅜@1 18⅞, 1 18, 1 18⅛; July $1 01⅛@1 01⅞, 1 02, 1 01⅛@1 01⅝, 1 01⅛@1 01⅝; September 93⅛, 93⅛, 92⅛, 92⅛@92⅝c. Corn—Feb —, —, —, 45; May 47⅞@48, 48⅛, 47⅛, 47⅞@47⅝; July 48⅞@48⅜, 48⅛, 47⅞, 48@48⅛. Oats—February —, —, —, 30⅜@30⅞; May 31⅞@31⅜, 31⅛, 31, 31@31⅛; July 31⅛@31⅜, 31⅛, 30⅞, 31. Mess pork, per bbl—May $12 55, 12 60, 12 42, 12 52; July $12 72, 12 72, 12 55, 12 62. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $6 90, 6 92, 6 87, 6 92; July, $7 02, 7 05, 7 00, 7 05. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $6 70, 6 72, 6 67, 6 72; July $6 82, 6 85, 6 80, 6 85.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 8 3-16c; mild quiet; Cordova 10@13c. Futures closed barely steady at a decline of 5@10 points.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 25.—Cotton: Spot, good business done; prices four points higher; American middling fair 4.65d; good middling 4.33d; middling 4.21d; low middling 4.09d; good ordinary 3 95d; ordinary 3.79d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 2,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,400 bales American. Receipts 3,000 bales, including 800 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet; American middling (g o c): February 4.03d; February and March 4.03d; March and April 4.03d; April and May 4.06d; May and June 4.07d; June and July 4.09d; July and August 4.10d; August and September 4.11d; September and October 4.13d; October and November 4.13d; November and December 4.13d.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 26.

STEAMERS.

Teesdale, (Br) 1,560 tons, Edwards, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Clarence A Shaffner, (Br) 158 tons, Johnson, C D Maffitt.

Annie Ainslie, 250 tons, Strout, to master.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Rowe, C D Maffitt.

Elizabeth T Doyle, 664 tons, Stevens, C D Maffitt.

BARQUE.

Turist, (Nor) 733 tons, Olafsen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—63 bales cotton.
W. & W. Railroad—49 bales cotton.
W. C. & A. Railroad—172 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels tar, 24 barrels crude turpentine.
A. & Y. Railroad—1 barrel tar.
Steamer Compton—16 bales cotton.
Steamer Whitlock—24 barrels tar.
Steamer Duplin—11 casks spirits turpentine, 314 barrels rosin.
Raft—274 barrels rosin.
Schooner J. C. Allen—3 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels rosin, 20 barrels tar.
Schooner C. T. Herman—4 bales cotton, 69 barrels rosin, 16 barrels tar, 35 barrels crude turpentine.
Total—304 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 707 barrels rosin, 111 barrels tar, 59 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made in the case of Annie J. Sadgwar, administratrix of Sophia A. Price deceased, vs Fred C. Sadgwar, et. al., the undersigned commissioner appointed by said decree, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, on Saturday, the 18th day of March, 1905, at 12 o'clock M., the following described land, situate in Cape Fear township, New Hanover county:

1st. one-half undivided interest in that tract of land beginning at a Spruce Pine Jerry Fonville's third corner in the old line in a Bay, runs thence with Samuel Davis' line 43 deg 30 min E 51 chains to a dead pine stump; thence with another of said Davis' lines 58 deg. 30 min. E 13 chains and 75 links to a large poplar on the N. edge of the Ditch Pond Branch, one chain above where said branch enters into Broad Water Branch, thence down said branch N. 51 deg. 30 min E 3 chains and 75 links to a dead pine stump; thence N 24 deg W 3 chains and 25 links to a small Black Gum; thence N 8 deg W 2 chains to a large sweet Gum on the N edge of the Spring Branch; thence N 63 deg W 1 chain 50 links to a small sweet Gum; thence 18 deg 30 min W 4 chains to a large poplar; thence N 8 deg. East 2 chains and 89 links to sweet Gum; thence N. 50 deg E. 4 chains and 2 links to a long straw pine; thence N 56 deg. 30 min. E 2 chains and 14 links to a White Oak; thence N. 11 deg. 3 chains and 25 links to a Poplar; thence N 14 deg 2 chains and 65 links to a large forked long straw pine; thence 13 deg 30 min E 6 chains and 11 links to two small Dogwood trees; thence N. 55 deg. 3 chains to a long straw pine; thence 16 deg. 45 min E 4 chains and 15 links to a spruce pine; thence 48 deg 30 min [illegible] 3 chains and 16 links to a large hollow Poplar; thence 17 deg E 50 links to a stake; thence W 4 chains to the beginning, containing about 85 acres more or less

2nd one-half undivided interest in that tract of land beginning at a large Gum Tree, high water mark of DeRossett's branch, near where it empties into Broad Water branch, and running thence N 84½ deg. E 3 chains and 75 links to pine; thence 66½ deg E 2 chains and 88 links to a pine; thence 7 deg E 5 chains and 20 links to a pine; thence N 84½ deg. E 3 chains and 78 links to a pine; thence 45½ deg E 2 chains and 9 links to a pine; thence 10½ deg E. 2 chains and 3 links to pine; thence 45 deg E. 7 chains and 80 links to a small sweet gum tree on the N. side of said DeRossett's branch and of the [illegible] road, thence with said road 5 links; thence N. 45½ deg W 7 chains and 8 links, the [illegible] N 10 deg. W two chains and [illegible] links thence N. 45½ deg. W 2 chains and 9 links; thence 84½ [illegible] 3 chains and 73 links; the [illegible] 71 deg. 5 chains and 2 links; the [illegible] N. 6 deg. W. 8 chains and 10 links; the [illegible] 35 deg 3 chains and 15 links to a Gum tree; the [illegible] 38½ deg W. 4 chains to a Dogwood tree on Broad Water branch; the [illegible] southwardly along high water mark of Broad Water branch with its various meanderings to the beginning, Containing 16 acres more or less.

WILLIAM M. BELLAMY, Commissioner.
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"	15 00	"	"	12 50	"	4 50	"	"	3 75
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"	18 00	"	"	14 50	"	3 50	"	"	2 75
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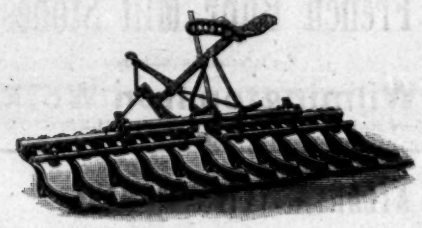

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THE DESIRE FOR STORIES.

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Our earliest instinct is to ask for a story, our latest to tell one unasked. Human life is bounded at either end by a phrase; "once upon a time" at one end, "that reminds me" at the other. Above the first instinct we rise gradually, gradually declining to the second. Not that the narrative sense ever dies in us; only that in the plenitude of our powers we are not satisfied with a story that is nothing more than a story, a narrative for narration's sake.

The mind of a child is all agape for facts, for it is empty, and nothing is so quickly filling, so easily assimilable, as a dish of facts. Facts of fiction are preferred by the child to actual facts because they satisfy also its strong imaginative sense. Its moral and intellectual senses are still in abeyance. Deduce from any story "a moral" or an idea, and the child runs away rudely. There lies the difference between us and it. Our moral and intellectual senses are flourishing, and by their strength our imagination is proportionately weakened. Grimm is not enough for us. Our moral sense cries aloud for Hans Andersen. Dumas leaves us cold. Our mind needs Balzac. It is not enough for us that once upon a time there were three princesses or three musketeers who suffered or did some queer things. We want those triads to illustrate, to symbolize, to mean something, to corroborate or upset some theory that we have formed, to quicken our mind and affect our conduct.

Such are the prime needs of our maturity. Comes Time, mowing away with his scythe our intellectual and moral curiosity; nor does he restore to us our old imagination. He crops us bare of all but experience. Things that have happened—especially, old egoists that we are, the things that have happened to ourselves—are the only things that rouse us from our lethargy. "Anecdotage" is an ugly phrase. "Second childhood," less harsh, is not less exactly descriptive. For our last state, the state where narrative is absolute despot, was our first state too.—Max Beerbohm in Saturday Review.

WHY HE WASN'T PROMOTED

He watched the clock.
He was always grumbling.
He was always behindhand.
He asked too many questions.
His stock excuse was "I forgot."
He wasn't ready for the next step.
He did not put his heart in his work.
He learned nothing from his blunders.
He chose his friends among his inferiors.
He was content to be a second rate man.
He ruined his ability by half doing things.
He never dared to act on his own judgment.
He did not think it worth while to learn how.
He thought it was clever to use coarse and profane language.
He imitated the habits of men who could stand more than he could.
He did not learn that the best part of his salary was not in his pay envelope.—Success.

Speed of Birds.

Frequently arguments arise as to the speed with which wild birds fly, and many men of science have sought to determine something about it. Naturally it is impossible to fix the record made by such birds as grouse, quail and snipe when they first arise, but it is safe to say that they are not going one-half as fast as the luckless gunner who misses them imagines. With the migratory fowls of known fast flight, such as ducks and geese, something more nearly accurate is known. The green winged teal is about the speediest of them all. It does something like ninety miles an hour as readily as a sparrow dives into an inviting rain-spout. The canvasback is only a trifle slower, probably eighty-five miles being its limit, while the black duck, mallard and redhead fall below this, being timed at about eighty miles. Still this is plenty fast enough to insure lots of misses unless the fellow with the gun looks down the rib straight and pulls the trigger at the right time.

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Mrs. Nuritch—I think I'll take this bracelet. Are you sure it's made of refined gold?

Jeweler—Oh, yes.

Mrs. Nuritch—Because I do detest anything that isn't refined.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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— Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 25: There was some laughter in the House yesterday when Mr. Koonce, of Onslow, introduced his amendment providing that no member of the Legislature should draw mileage who totes a free pass on railroads. Mr. Koonce was in no joking mood. He was in earnest and believes that the principle in his amendment is sound. In the first place when an "employee" or attorney, or law agent, of a railroad is elected to the Legislature he violates the spirit of the law if he accepts a pass for "services," and in the next place it is very difficult for a pass toter to look at questions affecting the railroads without having some bias toward the railroad on which he rides without putting up the price of the ticket.

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Station	No. 3.	No. 5.
Lv Goldsboro	3 45 p m	8 00 a m
Lv L. Grange	4 16 p m	8 33 a m
Lv Kinston	4 40 p m	8 52 a m
Lv Dover	5 02 p m	9 14 a m
Lv Cove	5 16 p m	9 27 a m
Lv Tuscarora	5 26 p m	9 37 a m
Ar Newbern	5 45 p m	10 00 a m

Station	No. 7 (accom)
Lv New Bern	5 55 p m
Lv Riverdale	6 18 p m
Lv Havelock	6 34 p m
Lv Newport	6 50 p m
Ar Morehead City	7 10 p m

WESTBOUND.

Station	No. 4.	No. 8 (Accom)
Lv Morehead City	7 40 a m	3 30 a m
Lv Newport	8 11 a m	6 34 a m
Lv Havelock	8 27 a m	7 02 a m
Lv Riverdale	8 43 a m	7 30 a m
Ar New Bern	9 00 a m	8 05 a m

Station	No. 6
Lv New Bern	9 15 a m
Lv Tuscarora	9 27 a m
Lv Cove	9 40 a m
Lv Dover	10 05 a m
Lv Kinston	10 27 a m
Lv LaGrange	10 51 a m
Ar Goldsboro	11 20 a m

Lv New Bern		6 10 p m
Lv Tuscarora		6 54 p m
Lv Cove		6 44 p m
Lv Dover		6 56 p m
Lv Kinston		7 20 p m
Lv LaGrange		7 42 p m
Ar Goldsboro		8 10 p m

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To The Beach and Wrightsville

Suburban and City Schedule.

In Effect January 12, 1905.

Suburban Schedule (daily except Sunday.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave the Beach
6.30 A. M.	9.00 A. M.
10.00 A. M.	12.30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.

Leave Wrightsville	
8.10 P. M.	8.45 P. M.
7.30 " "	8.15 " "
9.00 " "	9.30 " "
10.00 " "	10.30 " "

Extra Cars on Sundays.

Note: Trains leaving Front and Princess Sts. at 6.10, 7.30, 9.00 and 10.00 P. M. will go over to Beach on request.

The 9 o'clock car comes back to The "Light house" at 4.30 P. M., thus giving one an opportunity to enjoy an oyster roast as well as visit the ocean.

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Hospital and Cemetery Cars. (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Cemetery
9.00 A. M.	9.30 A. M.
3.10 P. M.	3.50 P. M.
4.50 P. M.	5.00 P. M.

Delgado and Golf Link Car (Without change.) Daily except Sunday.

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Golf Links.
3.40 P. M.	4.00 P. M.
5.10 " "	5.30 " "

A. C. L. Depot Car (Without change).

Leave Front and Princess	Leave A. C. L. Depot
10.00 A. M.	10.10 A. M.
5.40 P. M.	6.00 P. M.

S. A. L. Car (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave S. A. L. Depot
12.35 P. M.	12.45 P. M.
2.55 P. M.	3.00 P. M.
11.15 P. M.	11.30 P. M.

PREIGHT SCHEDULE.

Daily except Sunday.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 30 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 16 p m
Ar Norfolk	6 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	2 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	3 53 p m	2 38 a m
Ar Richmond	4 45 p m	3 30 a m
Ar Washington	7 45 p m	6 07 a m
Ar Baltimore	9 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Philadelphia	1 43 a m	9 05 a m
Ar New York	4 25 a m	11 22 a m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 45
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	7 43 a m
Ar Weldon	9 01 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 05 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 33 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	2 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	5 30 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	5 50 a m	10 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND AND THE SOUTH.

	*Daily.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	6 10 p m	6 56 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 35 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 12 30 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 30 p m	Ar 4 35 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 4 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	3 35 p m	Ar 12 30 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

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	No. 66	No. 38
Leave Wilmington	4 05 a m	2 20 p m
Leave Hamlet	6 30 a m	10 30 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 30 p m
" Raleigh	11 40 a m	1 25 a m
" Norlina	1 40 p m	3 34 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	9 50 a m
" Baltimore	11 17 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 32 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 17 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	7 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	11 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 30 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	5 15 a m	4 40 p m
" Southern Pines	6 30 a m	6 10 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 50 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 30 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 15 p m
Arrive Athens	6 40 a m
Arrive Atlanta	10 40 a m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	8 00 p m
" Athens	11 25 p m
" Hamlet	3 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 40
Leave Wilmington	4 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
Ar Columbia	12 15 a m
Ar Savannah	4 40 a m
Ar Jacksonville	9 55 a m
Arrive Tampa	6 35 p m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 39
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 30 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	5 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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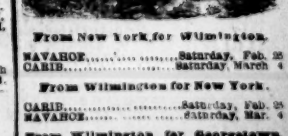

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The Morning Star

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 26.

RUSSIA LET DOWN EASY BY PARIS COMMISSION.

Decision Given Out Yesterday in Matter of Russian Squadron Firing Into the British Trawlers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The decision of the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident, was publicly announced at the closing session of the commission to-day. The decision lengthily sets forth the circumstances and incidents and gives the opinion of the admirals on the various important points involved. The decision says the delay of the Russian transport Kamschatka following the breakdown of her machinery was perhaps the cause of the accident. The commander of the Kamschatka signalled to Admiral Rojestvensky during the evening that he had been attacked by torpedo boats. The admiral, therefore, had reason to believe he might be attacked and gave orders for strict vigilance against possible attack by torpedo boats.

The majority of the commission considers that Admiral Rojestvensky's orders were not excessive in time of war and under the circumstances he had every reason to consider the situation very alarming.

"The commissioners," the decision says, "recognize generally that the fishing fleet committed no hostile act and the majority of the commissioners being of the opinion that there were not, neither among the fishing boats nor in their vicinity any topedo boats, the opening of fire by Admiral Rotestvensky was not justified."

The decision further says the Russian commissioner did not share in the latter opinion.

"In any event," the decision continues, "the commisoners are glad to recognize with unanimity that Admiral Rojestvensky personally did all he could from the commencement to the end to prevent the trawlers from being the object of fire by the Russian squadron."

Concerning the squadron's proceeding without assisting the damaged trawlers, the decision says:

"The commissioners are unanimous, under the circumstance preceding and following the incident, that there was such uncertainty concerning that danger to the squadron as to warrant Admiral Rojestvensky in continuing his route. However, the majority regrets that the admiral did not inform the neighboring maritime powers of what had occurred."

The decision concluded as follows: "The commissioners declare that their views as formulated are not of a nature to cast any disrespect upon the military valor nor upon the sentiments of humanity of Admiral Rojestvensky and the personnel of his squadron."

Other interesting features of the decision are as follows:

"Admiral Rojestvensky leaving Reval took the greatest precautions to prepare his vessels to repulse a torpedo attack at night, whether sailing or at anchor. The reports of Russian agents regarding possible attacks seemed to justify these.

"The evidence of British witnesses proved that the trawlers carried regulation lights, followed the usual fishing rule and were directed by their commodore by means of conventional rockets.

"The leading divisions of the squadron, including Admiral Voelkersam's, passed the trawlers unsuspectingly. Admiral Rojestvensky's division, the last, noticed green flares, really a fishing signal, which created alarm and then observed a vessel topping the waves. Admiral Rojestvensky ordered his ships to open fire, on the result of which rests his responsibility."

Admiral Fournier, president of the commission, read the decision amid impressive silence, the spectators following minutely. The general impression among the audience was that the decision was in the nature of a compromise.

A significant exchange of remarks was made Sir Edward Fryo, representing Great Britain, and Baron Taube, representing Russia. Both spoke in the most amicable spirit and eulogized the arbitration. Admiral Davis was seen to night by the correspondent of the Associated Press. He said the general results of the findings are favorable to Great Britain since they sustain the statement of facts as presented by Great Britain.

According to Admiral Davis' view, however, Russia can take a fair measure of satisfaction from the finding for although it holds that an error was committed, it was one which was not discreditable to the Russian navy.

MRS. DUKE'S PARTNER.

Chicago Judge Refuses to Release Him on Habeas Corpus.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Judge Chetlain to-day refused to free Charles F. Taylor, indicted with Mrs. Alice Webb Duke by the grand jury of Nacogodches county, Texas, on a charge of obtaining $3,000 under false pretenses. The case came before Judge Chetlain, on a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Taylor's attorney through representation, that the Texas indictment was faulty. The lawyer contended that four or five counts in the indictment are not sufficiently clear to warrant holding the prisoner for the Texas authorities, but the court held the indictment good. As a result, apparently, Taylor will have to face trial in Texas.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the five days of this week show: Loans, $1,121,281,400, decrease, $14,730,700. Deposits, $1,179,834,900; decrease, $12 781,000. Circulation, $42,829,800; decrease, $23,300. Legal tenders, $86,431,900; increase, $42 800. Specie, $323 170 400; increase, $2,256,600. Reserve, $309,602,300; increase, $2 258,900. Reserve required, $294,956,325; decrease, $3,182,750. Surplus, $14 646,075; increase, $5,441,650. Ex-U. S. deposits, $19,786,435; increase, $5,387,875.

The Senate yesterday passed a bill providing for terms of the United States court at Washington, N. C.

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SWAYNE TRIAL ENDS ON MONDAY.

Arguments for Prosecution and Defence Were Concluded in the Senate Yesterday.

MANTLE OF CHARITY PLEADED

Senators Morgan and Gorman Oppose the Greater Navy—Statues of Houston and Austin Received from State of Texas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The House to-day divided its time between legislation and patriotic exercises. An hour and a half was spent in passing minor bills. The same period was devoted to consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill without reaching a conclusion on that measure. Legislation then gave way to oratory, in which many members participated, in honoring the memory of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin, following which the marble statues of each, which had been placed in statuary hall by the State of Texas, were formally accepted.

The House will meet to-morrow to eulogize the late Representative Otis, of New York, the late Representative Mahoney, of Illinois, and the late Representative Croft, of South Carolina.

Application by Mr. Hull, of Iowa, to permit two Chinese youths to be admitted to the West Point Military Academy caused simultaneous demands by many for an explanation and when order was restored Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, remarked that it would be useless to take up the time as he objected to the consideration of the resolution.

An attempt by Mr. Adamson to add $50,000 to the amount for topographical surveys in the sundry civil bill resulted in a severe arraignment by Mr. Hemenway, of Indiana. Democrats, he said, never ceased criticising Republican rule on the ground of extravagance, and yet when it came to vote on appropriations they were found supporting increases. The vote just taken to add one hundred thousand dollars to the bill for surveys of public lands was opposed by only two Democrats and the present proposition came from that side. He was interrupted at 3 o'clock by the special order accepting and thanking the State of Texas for the Houston and Austin statues.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, of Texas, the special order was read. Mr. Garner, of Texas, was invited by Speaker Cannon to preside and resolutions accepting the statues were read. These resolutions were made the text of remarks by Mr. Cooper. He was followed by Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee; Clark, of Missouri; Stephens, of Texas; Fields, of Texas; Pinckney, of Texas; Wallace, of Arkansas; Gillespie, of Texas; Slayden, of Texas, and Gibson, of Tennessee.

The addresses were listened to by crowded galleries. In statuary hall the statues of Austin and Houston were made conspicuous by backgrounds of large American flags and decorations of wreaths surrounding a huge white star with the word "Texas." These wreaths were "Presented by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas."

The resolutions accepting the statues were agreed to and the House adjourned until to morrow.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Senate to-day heard the concluding argument on both sides in the Swayne impeachment case, ex-Senator Thurston speaking for Judge Swayne and Mr. De Armond presenting the case on behalf of the house managers. After discussion of almost two hours in secret session an order to vote Monday morning at 10 o'clock was made. The secret session was devoted entirely to the discussion of a resolution presented by Mr. Bacon fixing the order of voting. The rules require that the yeas and nays shall be taken on each article of impeachment separately and that two thirds shall be necessary to convict. Mr. Bacon's resolution is as follows:

"That on Monday next, the 27th day of February at 10 A. M. the Senate shall proceed to vote without debate on the several articles of impeachment. The presiding officer shall direct the secretary to read the several articles of impeachment in their regular order. After the reading of each article the presiding officer shall put the question following: 'Senators, how say you, is the respondent guilty or not guilty as charged in this article?'

"The secretary will proceed to call the roll for the response of senators, whereupon, when his name is called, each Senator shall rise in his place and give his response 'guilty' or 'not guilty' and the secretary shall record the same."

Mr. Thurston began his argument in Judge Swayne's behalf at 10 o'clock. "I stand here," he said in beginning his address, "to raise the last voice ever to be heard between this time and the time when the judgment of God shall be pronounced in support of the personal honor and the official integrity of Charles Swayne, the respondent at this bar." Mr. Thurston contended that a judge cannot be impeached for a crime against a State law disconnected with his official duties, and referring to the first seven articles of impeachment, he declared that in an ordinary court they would be barred by statutes of limitation and they should be here. Beferring to the charge of using private cars he said: "There are reasons why the mantle of charity should be drawn about transactions of that kind by public man." On the point of residence, Mr. Thurston said that if Judge Swayne did not make his home at Pensacola, he had no home anywhere. He explained his prolonged and frequent absences by saying that for 150 to 200 days each year the judge was engaged in holding court in other States. He traced the present prosecution to the Davis-Belden contempt case, declaring that a conspiracy to depose the judge had grown out of it, and extending it reached its present stage. He justified the punishment in the Belden-Davis case and in the O'Neal case. Mr. Thurston closed with an appeal for vindication and acquittal.

Manager DeArmond concluded the argument for the prosecution. Taking up the Belden-Davis contempt case, he declared that Judge Swayne's course had been in contempt and defiance alike of law and of human rights. He referred to the charge of non-residence, saying that while there was no legal requirement for the respondent as an individual to remain in the district it was incumbent upon him under the law to abandon his office if he did not live in the district. He contended that it was competent to impeach a judge for crime whether committed in connection with official acts or not. He declared that the taking of more money for expenses than was expended was nothing less than larceny.

Mr. DeArmond asserted that Judge Swayne should have excused himself from sitting in the Florida McGuire case, out of which the contempt cases grew, because even if he was not the owner of any of the land involved he had passed favorably upon the title with a view to purchasing. He said that a failure to bring in a verdict for impeachment would be to give license to weak and lawless judges and in conclusion made a plea for conviction in justice to the people of Judge Swayne's district.

The Senate granted the request of the House for a conference on the Statehood bill, and for conferees on that measure and also on the Panama canal zone government bill. Mr. Morgan withdrew his opposition to the statehood conference.

The naval appropriation bill was considered while it was before the Senate, and Mr. Morgan united in condemning the rapid increase of the navy.

"The principal object of a big navy in time of peace," said Mr. Morgan, "is to bully small powers." he proceeded to say that this has been the policy of England for over a century and that its navy had been its instrument. "That" he added, "must be the policy of the powers which imitate England." He proceeded to say that if the government wants to watch a revolutionary neighbor of small proportions the marine corps and the navy are used for that purpose; such also is the case when we want to take possession of the revenues of a sister republic. Likewise the navy is called into use when "a half crazy consul gets into trouble and doesn't get half his deserts."

Mr. Gorman remarked that we are well embarked on the policy of taking possession of weak neighbors as rapidly as public sentiment will permit us. He said the United States had gone beyond England in becoming guardians of small neighbors and in collecting their revenues. He was prepared, he said, to believe that if this policy is to be pursued, the present navy is a mere bagatelle compared to what will be needed.

The bill was laid aside and 365 private pension bills passed.

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

SHOT HIMSELF AT THEATRE.

Young Man Applauded a Song, Arose and Shot Himself.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Suicide in the balcony of a crowded theatre was the method of death chosen by an unknown man about 22 years of age, who shot and killed himself at the Chicago Opera House this afternoon during a vaudeville performance. The young man shot himself in the head. Death was instantaneous and the body fell into the lap of a woman occupying an adjoining seat. She and several other women fainted but quickly revived.

When the sound of the shot was heard many women screamed and left their seats, but ushers soon quieted the excitement. No one was allowed to leave the balcony. The orchestra struck up a lively tune and aided in averting a panic. The body was removed to the county morgue, nothing being found to identify the suicide.

The young man shot himself during the singing of a pathetic song picturing the scene in a country farm house. He had listened attentively and had applauded. At the third encore he stood up, hesitated a moment and then quickly drawing a revolver, shot himself dead.

BIGAMIST PREACHER.

"Rev." Ben Ashley, Who Married a North Carolina Girl, in Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Feb. 25.—Rev Benj. W. Ashley is in jail at Newport, Tenn., on a charge of perjury and may also be prosecuted for bigamy. Ashley is a minister of the Christian church and on preliminary hearing has been bound over to Federal court. During the civil war Ashley served in the Union army and thirty years later became a pensioner. In 1868 he married a North Carolina girl and lived with her until 1883, when he came to Tennessee and has since resided in this State. In 1888, it is alleged, without having secured a divorce, he married a Miss Miller at his new home. When Ashely applied for and received a pension under the act of 1890 his first wife applied for half of the pension. It was then that Ashley made affidavit that he never legally married wife No. 1. An investigation followed with the result that Ashley is in jail charged with perjury.

SLAUGHTER AND ROBBERY.

More Than a Hundred Killed in the Racial Riots at Baku.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TIFLIS, CAUCASIA, Feb. 25.—Details of the recent street fighting at Baku show that thirty-five persons were killed or wounded February 20th and that on the following day the racial bitterness between the Mussulmans and Armenians reached a climax. Street murders were incessant and firing lasted all day long. Altogether a hundred people were killed or wounded. Bazaars and shops were plundered, and as the garrison was inadequate reinforcements of five battalions of infantry, with artillery, and two squadrons of Cossacks had to be called in and used their arms to suppress the outbreak. Further disturbances occurred February 23d. The residences of the wealthiest inhabitants were plundered and burned. The governor traversed all the quarters of the city exhorting the people to cease hostilities, and the Armenian and Mussulman clergy met and embraced in public and expressed a desire for a reconciliation of the people. The rioting was thereupon suspended, but again broke out February 24th.

JOHN PAUL JONES' REMAINS.

Great Curiosity in Paris Over the Search for His Ashes.

By Cable to the Morning Star

PARIS, Feb. 25.—French coriosity has been excited by the excavations that are going on in the search for the body of John Paul Jones and crowds daily surround the huge mounds of dirt and debris taken from the subterranean chambers of the old St. Louis cemetery. Experts have deciphered the word "Anglais" on the name plate of the leaden coffin recently unearthed and which is supposed to contain the body of the founder of the American navy, and they consider that word an additional identification as the name plate of Paul Jones' casket is believed to have borne the phrase "Terrur des Anglais" (Terror of the English) by which name the admiral was popularly known.

At Lowell, Lincoln county, yesterday a six year old daughter of A. J. Clemmer was burned to death. Her mother was probably fatally burned and two other children seriously injured as the result of the explosion of an oil can. One of the children was pouring oil into a wood heater containing fire.

BATTLE RAGING AROUND MUKDEN.

Russian Reports State That Severe Fighting Has Occurred the Past Few Days.

LOOKS LIKE JAP VICTORY.

Reports Given Out at St Petersburg Fail to Satisfy the Curiosity of Public—Japan Prepared to Wage War to Finish—Other News

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—General Sakharoff, General Kuropatkin's chief of staff, in a dispatch dated to-day, reports that when the Japanese attacked and captured Beresneff hill, Feb 24, after severe fighting, they were in superior force and advanced literally over the bodies of their own men.

The text of General Sarkharoff's dispatch is as follows: "We evacuated Beresneff hill after a severe bayonet fight, the enemy bringing to the attack a superior force. The attack on Tsenti pass was repulsed. At Beresneff hill the Japanese advanced over the bodies of their own dead in the face of exploding surface mines and through barbed wire entanglements. Their losses were considerable. Our losses have not yet been obtained.

SANGUINARY BATTLE.

TSINKETCHAN, Feb. 24.—The Japanese assault on Beresneff hill developed into an encounter of the most sanguinary nature, the Japanese pressing forward a bayonet charge, were received with pyroxylin hand grenades or were blown up by buried mines and the Japenese machine guns which took positions to support the advance were silenced for a time and beaten back. The Japanese came on with greater resolution, however, and the Russians finally yielded the hillin face of greatly superior numbers and a determined series of attacks, which continued night and day. The Japanese on Friday attacked a hill opposite Tsenti Pass, but were repulsed with great loss. News has just been received here that the Japanese renewed the attack on Tsenti Pass to night.

BATTLE RAGING.

MUKDEN, Feb. 25.—An action in the center opened at 8:30 this morning with siege guns, the firing of field guns continuing throughout the day.

KEEPING BACK BAD NEWS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26, 2 A. M.—Belated official reports of the attack on the Russian left at Tsinketchan do not satisfy the curiosity of the public as to what is going on in Manchuria, but the military authorities explain that the Japanese probably are attempting only to force in the Russian advanced positions. An Associated Press dispatch from Tsinketchan is interrupted at an interesting point and does not give the losses or final result of the battle, but it is evident that both sides lost heavily.

JAPAN PREPARED TO FIGHT IT OUT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Japan through her minister at Washington Kogoro Takahira, has categorically and absolutely denied all rumors and reports that she was suing for peace or that any act of the Mikado's report here can be possibly so construed. The Minister added that the "peace talk of the last few days you can surely believe is not created in Japan but emanates from some other land."

Japan, it was declared, had made all arrangements to continue the war at least for another year. The Japanese minister had just returned from a trip to Old Point Comfort, when in response to inquiries made by an Associated Press reporter, he made these statements. The minister found talk of peace prevalent in many newspapers of the country. He went at once to the State Department and had a long talk with the Secretary of State. He also saw a number of diplomats to-day. Both the State Department and the diplomats learned that overtures for peace or even "direct proposals for peace,, have not emanated and cannot be expected from Tokio.

Mr. Takahira said that Japan's victories seems to have led to the impression that she is in a position to take the initiative in ending the war and this appears to have created the rumor that she had given expression to a desire for peace.

"But there is not one bit of truth in this rumor. You can deny it on my authority absolutely and without reservation. Japan has not given any such expression through me—I repeat most emphatically. While it is true that Japan has been honored with success of her arms so far, it is equally true that it has made no apparent effect upon Russia. Through her representatiues Russia has been constantly declaring that she will fight to the end or until she wins one or more decisive battle. We think it is not queer for such a large country as Russia, a country with such enormous strength of men and such an extraordinary amount of resources, to think of a final success in the war with us. We have, therefore, prepared to fight as long as it is necessary and it was only some weeks ago that the imperial diet voted for the war budget to run from April, 1905, until March, 1906, and all necessary measures are being taken in Japan to conduct the war at least for another year. Under the circumstances you can safely say that although Japan is ready for peace on such reasonable terms as would insure a lasting peace, which has been the case from the commencement of hostilities, she knows she cannot make it with a nation which is not of the same frame of mind and it is unreasonable to expect us to make any such suggestion, and even more out of the question for us to formulate the terms of peace which are in a great measure to depend on the progress and result of the war."

WARM WIRELETS.

At Washington yesterday Representative Barlett, of Georgia, presented in the House, with his endorsement, resolutions adopted by the Georgia Peach Growers' Association last Wednesday in favor of the regulation of private car lines.

Constantinople advices from Batoum says the prefect of police and several leading merchants of that city have been assassinated and that numbers of Ottoman subjects have been murdered by Georgian strikers. The Porte has drawn the attention of the Russian embassy to the situation and the latter has promised the necessary protection. Revolutionary manifestos in favor of of a republic are being circulated broadcast in Batoum. The whole of the Caucasus is said to be seething with disaffection.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

AWFUL CONFLAGRATION AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Three People Perish and Hundreds Burned Out of Home—Several Hotels and 300 Houses Destroyed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Feb. 25.—Fire swept the southern portion of this city to day, doing great damage. The losses are variously estimated at from one million to two million dollars. Three charred corpses have been found among the ruins and several persons are reported missing. The death list may be increased. The identity of the victims has not been established.

the bodies is supposed to be a female guest of the Grand Hotel. The fire which started o'clock this morning was the his State has ever experienced five hours it had burned over an area of one square mile. Block after block of residence, business houses, hotels and other buildings were swept away and the entire town was panic stricken, although the fire was confined to the southern part of the city. Telegraph and telephones were destroyed and these services were temporarily demoralized.

Among the buildings destroyed are the Grand Central Hotel, the Lee House, Moody Hotel, Plateau Hotel, Columbia Hotel, the court house, jail, First Methodist church, Jewish synagogue and residences and stores to a large number, conservatively estimated at from 200 to 250. The fire started in the Grand Central Hotel and its origin is a mystery. All of the guests had retired for the night and only the night clerk and watchman were on duty when the flames were discovered.

Guests in the big hotels were awakened and hundreds of these hastily dressed and repaired to the scene of the conflagration. The firemen and police worked valiantly but their efforts could not check the onward march of the flames, and to add to their difficulties the water pressure gave out at 5 o'clock. Bucket brigades were then formed, citizens and visitors alike volunteering their services. Excitement was manifested everywhere when the flames got beyond control. Many lodging houses and cheap restaurants were in the path of the fire and the occupants were hurriedly apprised of their danger. Many in their anxiety, jumped from windows and sustained severe bruises and shocks.

Aldaybreak the wind increased in force and fanned the flames into a seething glare which lighted up the country for miles around. The fire swept along Central avenue south eating up building after building before the occupants could recover their valuables. Many of them barely escaped with their lives.

After the fire had gained full headway the streets became choked with people. Hundreds of those who had been driven from their houses were running frantically about, some carrying clothing, valises, and other property looking for a place of safety. The police and citizens rendered these unfortunates every aid.

At 9 o'clock the fire had practically burned itself out and the work of rescue and relief was begun. In the ruins of the Grand Central hotel a charred female body was found. The remains could not be identified and as the hotel register and other records were burned the name may never be known. In a lodging house two young men corpses were discovered.

Mayor Belding issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens to open their homes to the destitute and the appeal was responded to on every every side. The large hotels took in hundreds who had lost their belongings and fed hundreds more.

Funeral of Drowned Engineer.

The funeral of the late Robert A. Sellers, the engineer who was drowned from the steamer "Mayflower" on Town Creek, Thursday night, was held yesterday at 3 P. M. from the late residence, 723 South Front street, Rev. A. McCullen, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. church, officiating. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery, the pallbearers having been: Honorary, Capt. W. H. Kermon and Capt. W. A. Snell; active, Messrs. A. H. Dickesy, A. Blair, W. A. Furlong, Dave Matthews, Jack Chambers and Capt. T. J. Smith.

Rescued Distressed Raftsmen.

Engineer Joe Swain, Fireman Tracy Davis and Ed. Swain, a deck hand, all colored members of the crew of the steamer Southport, heard cries of distress up the river last night, about 9 o'clock, launched their life boat from the steamer at the Custom House wharf and went up the river to Point Peter where they rescued a white and a colored raftsman, who were clinging to pieces of a timber raft they were bringing down the river and which struck a snag and went to pieces.

Prohibition in Cumberland.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "A petition has been in circulation through the city for the past day or two, asking the State senator and representatives of Cumberland county to use their best efforts in the Legislature to secure the repeal of so much of the local prohibition act for this county as will put the city of Fayetteville on the same footing as other towns in the State under the Watts law—in accordance with the resolution offered by Major J. G. Hollingsworth, and passed at the last special meeting of the Board of Aldermen. We learn that the petition is very generally signed by the business men and property owners."

— Little John Cunningham, the waif of a white boy, who has given the authorities no end of trouble by his misdeeds and who has always escaped because of his not having reached the age of accountability, is locked up at the police station under a charge of taking $10 in money from a lady at the Colonial Inn. Lately the boy had been sent to a rescue school, near Beaufort, N. C., and he was here on a visit when he got in trouble again.

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The repertoire plays that are to be presented at the Academy of Music during the week of Monday, Feb. 27th, is certainly an attractive one and contains a number of the late New York successes, among which will be found "Jerome K. Jerome's" laughable farce comedy, "The Ramblers," Travis Vale's beautiful Southern drama entitled, "The Old Plantation," the beautiful pastoral drama "Home, Sweet Homes," Willie Collier's late success, "The Man from Mexico," and the greatest of all Western dramas, "Buffalo Bill." Special scenery and electrical effects are carried for each production, and a high class vaudeville show will be introduced between the acts.

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